



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building
420 Holmes Street, Room 146
Bellefonte, PA 16823

I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:01 AM on October 17, 2017 by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Chair; Commissioner Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Steven G. Dershem; Administrator, Margaret Gray; Deputy Administrator, Natalie Corman; and Executive Secretary, Natalie Bird.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives from the news media included Emma Gosalvez, Gary Sinderson, Sarah Rafacz, and Jackie Padilla.

County Personnel present included Mike Bloom, Gene Lauri, Dale Neff, and Brian Querry.

Visitors present included Chris Kelly, George Haynes, and Bill Fleeger.

CNET staff were present.

IV. MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Board of Commissioners' meeting held Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT

Director of Veteran's Affairs, Brian Querry and President of the Veterans Assistance Fund, Bill Fleeger joined the Board to announce the upcoming Give 'Em 5! Race. This is the eighth year that the race will be held to sponsor the Centre County Veterans Assistance Fund. The 5k run/walk will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 1:00 PM at the Bellefonte Middle School. Participants are asked to register online ahead of time or arrive around noon to register the day of the event. Brian said they are also accepting donations to the Veteran's Assistance Fund, all recipients are Centre County residents. Since 2011 they have helped over 100 veterans and widows and have dispersed over \$100,000 locally.

VI. ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Commissioner Higgins reported that the check of the week was to West Penn Power in the amount of \$7,635.81. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the check run in the amount of \$494,865.14 dated October 12, 2017.
- B. ABC Appointments - The citizens listed in the table below have offered their time and energy to serve on the indicated board/authority. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the following re-appointments and recognized Kathy Barr for her service.

ABC	Name	Action	Term
Aging Advisory Council	Joseph Davidson	Re-Appointment	10/17/17 – 12/31/2018
Aging Advisory Council	Kathy Barr	Expired Term	4/7/15 – 3/31/17
Airport Authority	Bruce Pincus	Re-Appointment	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2022
Recycling & Refuse Authority	Jenn Shufan	Re-Appointment	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2022

- C. Emergency Communications – Dale Neff requested that the Board reviews the following items:
- A contract with Mission Critical Partners (MCP) for consulting services for Radio System Lifecycle Planning. Dale explained that this is the system that 9-1-1 uses to alert first responders. The proposal includes scope of work for system lifecycle support as identified by the County to support the upcoming radio system software upgrade. Chris Kelly of MCP proposes to develop options for the County, validate all proposed costs and identify any risks moving forward. During the planning of the software upgrade MCP will be a vendor neutral advocate for the County to enhance their system without unnecessary vendor add-ons. Gene Lauri added that this is a complicated IT system and it is imperative that the upgrades be completed and running at its best. The contract total is \$20,000 for the period of October 24, 2017 through June 24, 2018 – Dept. 354

- ii. A contract with iconective to provide ELEM (Enhanced Law Enforcement Platform) services to Centre County 9-1-1. The contract total is \$1,500 annually for the period beginning March 5, 2018 through March 4, 2019 – Dept. 354.
- iii. An agreement with Centre Communications to provide multi-purpose IP (Internet Protocol) connection services to Centre County Government on private microwave equipment that is owned and maintained by Centre Communications, Inc. This agreement is for the period of October 24, 2017 through October 23, 2022 the cost will be \$8,400 for year one with a 3% yearly increase for years two through five – Dept. 354.

Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move items i-iii to next week's Consent Agenda.

- D. Planning – Commissioner Pipe requested that the Board reviews the following items:
- i. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the final land development plan – Hawks Landing Apartments; CCPCDO File No. 107-17. This proposal constitutes a final plan submission showing the development of six (6) residential duplexes consisting of a total of 12 individual units, a storage building as well as corresponding infrastructure to service the proposed land development activity. Located at the intersection of Glenn Street (T-950) and School Street with the development located primarily in Howard Township and partially in Howard Borough. This MOU is for the segment of the proposal located in Howard Township – Dept. 151. – Dept. 151.
 - ii. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the preliminary land development plan – Powder Woodward PA LLC – Phase VIII; CCPCDO File No. 158-17. This proposal constitutes preliminary plan submission showing the development of eighteen (18) buildings (consisting of two camp activity buildings; six camper buildings and ten cabins), as well as corresponding infrastructure to service the proposed land development activity which is located at Camp Woodward approximately ¼ west of Woodward along Penns Valley Road (State Route 0045) in Haines Township – Dept. 151.

Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move items i-ii to next week's Consent Agenda.

- E. Commissioners – Mike Bloom requested that the Board approve a letter of support for transportation projects in the Centre Region. PennDOT is able to submit one application for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant and has chosen the I-99 and I-80 interchange in Spring and Marion Townships as the focus project of this application. The INFRA grant is a federal program and awards up to 60% of the total project cost. Exit 161 on I-80 is not designed to accommodate the amount of traffic it sees day to day resulting in a high rate of crashes in that area. This intersection is also a missing link on the national highway system. The project cost is estimated to be approximately \$185,000,000. If the project does not advance, the interchange will still require nearly \$50,000,000 in investments. The Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) is providing a letter of support to be submitted with the INFRA grant application and has added this project to the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). Mike Bloom asked that the Board approve a letter of support for PennDOT to include with the application. The deadline to apply is November 2. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the letter of support – Dept. 111.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda items A-F.

- A. District Attorney – Request that the Board approves a pass-through agreement with the Borough of State College for a sub grant of the STOP Violence Against Women Act funds. The Borough will receive \$41,250 of STOP Grant funding for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Dept. 221.
- B. Liquid Fuels – Request that the Board approves payment in the amount of \$9,584 to Spring Township for Project #17-14221-01 for the paving of Black Hawk Road – Dept. 411.
- C. Adult Services – Request that the Board approves submission of the 2017 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) grant fund application in support of a Centre County Rental Assistance Program serving low-income households residing in municipalities impacted by Marcellus shale. The grant total is \$65,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$22,000, County \$30,000 (Act 137 funds), and State HSBG match \$13,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 501.

- D. MH/ID – Request that the Board approves a contract renewal with Skills Inc. to provide mental health services including family based vocational rehabilitation, psychiatric rehab, and community employment; intellectual disability services including supported employment, community based services, and companion services. The contract total is \$363,500 which is funded as follows: State \$346,743 and County \$16,757 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
- E. Facilities Management – Request that the Board approves the following items:
- i. A contract renewal with Rich's Amoco to provide snow removal. The contract total is \$5,500 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Dept. 161.
 - ii. A contract renewal with Swartz Fire and Safety to provide upkeep and inspections of fire extinguishers and suppression system at the correctional facility. The contract total is \$1,500 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Dept. 33.
 - iii. A contract renewal with Swartz Fire and Safety for the upkeep and inspections of the fire extinguishers at the Willowbank Offices, Courthouse, Sheriff's office and Magisterial District Justice – Centre Hall. The contract total is \$2,105 for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 – Dept. 161.
- F. Planning – Request that the Board approves allocating Act 13 “At Risk Local Bridge Funding” to the following bridge projects:
- i. T-419 Lower Georges Valley Road bridge in Gregg Township to cover the required 5% local share not to exceed \$87,500 of this project on the Centre County MPO Transportation Improvement Plan – Dept. 151.
 - ii. T-325 Gorton Road bridge in Snow Show Township not to exceed \$100,000 to cover approximately 25% of the cost of this project being advance by the township – Dept. 151.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

IX. RECOGNITIONS

Girl Scout Troop 40022 of Bellefonte received the Silver Award on Sunday October 15. To earn this award the Troop built two ADA picnic tables for Fisherman's Paradise.

X. C-NET REQUESTS

XI. REPORTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Commissioner Dershem reported there are 107,877 registered voters in Centre County. The featured precinct this week is #66 Patton Township South #1 with 797 registered voters. In the Municipal Primary, they had 256 ballots cast with a 32.12% voter turnout.

B. Announcements

XII. Margaret Gray announced that the Board would meet in executive session following this meeting.

XIII. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

BOC Meeting – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Employee Benefits Trust – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, October 19, 2017

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Retirement Board – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

BOC Meeting – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Finance Committee – 9:00 AM – Room 146WB

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB AS NEEDED

Retirement Board – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

BOC Meeting – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, November 2, 2017

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB AS NEEDED

Retirement Board – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

XIV. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

Friday, November 3, 2017

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
MUNICIPAL ELECTION

XV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

- XVI. The meeting moved into executive session at 10:41 AM following a motion made by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, and unanimously approved by the Board. Executive session was adjourned at 11:14 AM.

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray
Administrator